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Research Interests

Broad: Semantics and its interfaces.

Narrow: Tense, aspect, modality, and information structure.

Education

2023 - 2028 **Ph.D. in Linguistics**, University of California, Santa Cruz
Advisor: Roumyana Pancheva

2020 - 2023 **B.A. in Linguistics**, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Minors in Japanese and Psychology
Magna cum laude, Commonwealth Honors College

Summer Schools

2023 **Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute**, UMass Amherst

Publications

Journal Articles

(submitted) **Knick, Emily.** Future shifting with present marking in Khalkha Mongolian.

Conference Proceedings

(forthcoming) **Knick, Emily.** Proximate futures in English and Turkish: An analogy between spatial and temporal proximity. *Proceedings of the 56th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*.

(forthcoming) **Knick, Emily*** and Sharf, Eli*. On focus and the perfect aspect. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 30*.

2025 **Knick, Emily.** Future reference and covert modality in Khalkha Mongolian. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 10(1), 5936.

* = Co-first authors.

Presentations

Talks

- 2025 **Knick, Emily.** Proximate futures in English and Turkish: An analogy between spatial and temporal proximity. Talk at North East Linguistics Society 56, New York University, October 17, 2025.
- 2025 **Knick, Emily*** and Sharf, Eli*. On focus and the perfect aspect. Talk at Sinn und Bedeutung 30, Goethe University Frankfurt, September 26, 2025.
- 2025 **Knick, Emily.** Future reference and covert modality in Khalkha Mongolian. Talk at the 99th Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, January 12, 2025.

Posters

- 2024 Carpick, Ian, **Knick, Emily**, Boye-Lynn, Cal, Bennett, Ryan, and Rysling, Amanda. Learned performance or auditory bias: carryover vs. anticipatory nasal coarticulation. Poster at the Conference on Laboratory Phonology 19, Hanyang University, June 29, 2024.
- 2024 **Knick, Emily** and Rysling, Amanda. Temporal stability and the online assignment of hierarchical prosodic structure. Poster at the California Annual Meeting on Psycholinguistics 6, Stanford University, January 13, 2024.
- 2022 **Knick, Emily.** Prevoicing loss and the [voice] contrast in the production of Tokyo Japanese plosives. Poster at the 28th Massachusetts Undergraduate Research Conference, UMass Amherst, April 22, 2022 (online).

Invited Talks

- 2025 **Knick, Emily.** Proximate futures in English and Turkish: An analogy between spatial and temporal proximity. Invited talk at Meaning Lab, University of Southern California, November 7, 2025.
- 2025 **Knick, Emily*** and Sharf, Eli*. On focus and the perfect aspect. Invited talk at Syntax & Semantics Circle, University of California, Berkeley, September 12, 2025.

Research Positions

- 2024 - 2025 **Graduate Student Researcher**, NSF Grant BCS-1917619, UC Santa Cruz
PI: Roumyana Pancheva
o Project: The semantics of aspect in Paraguayan Guaraní
- 2022 - 2023 **Research Assistant**, Cognitive Science of Language Lab, UMass Amherst
PI: Brian Dillon

- 2021 - 2023 **(Co-)Lab Manager**, XLing Laboratories, UMass Amherst
Pls: Brian Dillon, John Kingston, Shota Momma
- 2020 - 2023 **Research Assistant**, Phonetics Lab, UMass Amherst
Pl: John Kingston

Teaching

Teaching Assistant, UCSC

- Winter 2026 **Syntax I**
Instructor: Mia Gong
- Fall 2025 **Psycholinguistics I**
Instructor: Adrian Brasoveanu
- Spring 2025 **Invented Languages, From Elvish to Esperanto**
Instructor: Andrew Angeles
- Winter 2025 **Semantics I**
Instructor: Maziar Toosarvandani
- Fall 2024 **Phonetics I**
Instructor: Grant McGuire

Teaching Assistant, UMass

- Fall 2021 **Introduction to Phonetics**
Instructor: John Kingston

Mentorship

At UCSC

- 2025, 2026 **Panelist**, Humanities Graduate School 101, The Humanities Institute at UC Santa Cruz
- 2025 **Speaker**, Workshop on Applying to Graduate School in Linguistics
- 2024 - **Fieldwork on Paraguayan Guaraní**
o Research Assistant: Juan Pablo Calvo Huerta
- 2024 - **Co-Founder**, Supporting Linguistics UnderGraduates (SLUG) Mentorship Program
o Organize the SLUG Mentorship Program, which provides undergraduates in Linguistics with guidance on (non-)academic career paths in preparation for their post-graduate career goals.

Honors & Awards

- 2025 **THI Summer Pathways Fellowship**, The Humanities Institute at UC Santa Cruz (\$5000)
o Project: Temporal meaning in Khalkha Mongolian

2023 - 2024	Chancellor's Fellowship , UC Santa Cruz
2023 - 2024	Regents Fellowship , UC Santa Cruz
2020 - 2023	Departmental Honors in Linguistics , UMass Amherst

Service

Conference Organization

2026	Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 35
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Departmental Service at UCSC

2024 -	Co-Coordinator , Semantics, Pragmatics, and Language Philosophy (SPLAP!) Reading Group
2024	Co-Coordinator , Speech and Sentence Processing Lab (s/lab)
2023 - 2025	Member , Linguistics Events Planning Committee

Departmental Service at UMass

2023	Volunteer , LSA Summer Institute
2021 - 2022	Linguistics Student Ambassador , UMass College of Humanities and Fine Arts
2021 - 2022	Dean's Advisory Board Representative , UMass College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Skills

Languages

English (native)
Japanese (intermediate)
Spanish (reading)
Khalkha Mongolian, Paraguayan Guaraní, Turkish (research)

Technical Skills

\LaTeX , MATLAB, PClbex, Praat, PsychoPy, Python, R